Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph on page 7, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. 5 illustrates a "literary group" drop down menu 9̶0̶ 94 that displays a list 9̶2̶ 96 of selectable available association groups. The words displayed in the "with" box 56a, b are based on the words associated according to the association group selected from the drop down list 9̶2̶ 96. In this way, the composition program 14 would maintain different associations of related words to substitute for each other for different association types in association files. The association groups may be assembled using a text parsing program capable of determining words the association group treats as related, e.g., treated as related in the Bible, Mark Twain, etc. Alternatively, the association of words may be created by experts knowledgeable in the field of the particular association group. Thus, predefined association groups would be provided for use with the composition program 14.

Please replace the paragraph on page 9, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

At block 150, the composition program 14 receives a user selection of a button in the "associate term" dialog box 80. If the user selected (at block 152) the "delete word" button 90 while a term is selected in the "current associations" box 86, e.g., previously highlighted by the user input device, then the composition program 14 would delete (at block 154) the selected term in the "current associations box" 86 from the group of words associated with the term in the "association with" box 84. Otherwise, if the user selected the "OK" button 88, then the composition program 14 would save (at block 158) the term in the "enter term" box 82 as a word associated with the term in the "associate with" box 84. If the user (at block 156) did not select the "OK" button, then the only other button is the "close button" 92, which would cause the composition program 14 to close (at block 160) the "associate term" box 80.

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Please replace the paragraph on page 9, line 27, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A3   If the user selects the "close" button in either the "composition helper" dialog box 50a, b or the "associate term" box 80, then the composition program 14 would close such window (block 170 and block 172). In preferred embodiments, after closing the "composition helper" box 50a, b, control is returned to the main GUI window of the text editor 12.

Please replace the paragraph on page 6, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A4   If the user selects the "add word" graphical button 60 in FIGs. 2 and 3, then the "associate term" dialog box 80 would be displayed as shown in FIG. 4. The user may enter a word in the "enter term" edit box 82 to associate with the term in the "associate with" box 82 84. In the example shown in FIG. 4, the "associate with" box 84 is pre-filled in with the term "handicaps" that was displayed in the "replace" box 54b when the user selected the "add word" button in the dialog box 50b in FIG. 3. Alternatively, the user may enter a different term in the "associate with" box 84. The "current associations" box 86 lists terms currently associated with the term in the "associated with" box 84. Selection of the "OK" button 88 associates the term or phrase in the "enter term" box 82 with the term displayed in the "associate with" box 84. This association may be done using currently known methods in the art for maintaining associations of words in a dictionary, thesaurus or other editing tool. Further, a term highlighted in the "current associations" box 86 may be removed from the group of words associated with the term in the "association with" box 84 by selecting the "delete" pushbutton 90.

Please replace the paragraph on page 4, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A5   The memory 6 includes a text editor program 12, a composition program 14, and document 16. The text editor program 12 executes in memory 6 to provide a graphical user interface (GUI) text editing tool known in the art, such as WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, Lotus Word Pro WORDPERFECT, MICROSOFT WORD, LOTUS WORD PRO, etc.** The composition program 14 may be a component within the installed text editor program 12 or a

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separate utility that is integrated with the text editor program 12 user interface. The system further includes a display monitor 18 for displaying the graphical user interface (GUI) of the text editor program 12 and at least one input device 20, such as a touch pad, touch screen, mouse, pen stylus, keyboard, and/or any other input device known in the art capable of selecting displayed graphical elements and entering user-input.

Please replace the paragraph on page 12, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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